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NEW YEAR ADDRESS

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Comrades,

We have seen out the year 1972 which will go down as another brilliant year in our nation's history, and are seeing in a hopeful New Year 1973.

Allow me to offer warm New Year felicitations and greetings to all the Korean people on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic.

Last year, under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, our people waged a dynamic struggle to carry through the decision of the Fifth Party Congress and achieved shining victories in all the political, economic, cultural and military spheres.

Last year we conducted the victorious elections of deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and other organs of power at different levels amid the unprecedentedly great political enthusiasm of the entire people. Through the elections our people expressed their unreserved support for and profound trust in the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic and demonstrated the steel-like unity and solidarity of the whole society firmly bound together with one idea and purpose based on our Party's *Juche* idea.

At the historic First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly held a few days ago we adopted the Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and reorganized the structure of our State bodies in conformity with the reality of our revolutionary development and formed a new Government of the Republic. With the adoption of the Socialist Constitution, we consolidated our great victories achieved in the socialist revolution and construction and strengthened the revolutionary power of the workers and peasants still more, and came to have a new mighty weapon in the struggle for the complete victory of socialism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

On this New Year day, I extend warm greetings to all the comrades who attended the historic First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly, including the deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly who, with the unanimous support of the entire electors, have been elected as representatives of the people.

In 1972 we attained great successes in the building of socialist economy and culture as well.

Last year the working class and all other segments of the working people had an intense struggle for the successful fulfilment of the three major tasks of the technical revolution, and performed splendid feats of labour in all fields of the national economy. Many branches of the national economy registered the admirable result of surpassing the production level envisaged for the end of the Six-Year Plan, and a large number of factories and enterprises overfulfilled the three years' targets of the Six-Year Plan.

Last year in the domain of education a start was made in the full-scale introduction of ten-year compulsory senior middle school education, and the firm foundation for the creation of a million-strong army of intellectuals was laid through a sharp increase of factory colleges and various other institutions of higher learning.

Last year our scientists commemorated the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Academy of Sciences with the glittering successes they achieved in scientific researches. The Party Central Committee has a high opinion of the scientists, who have waged an energetic struggle in accordance with the Party's policy of developing our sciences along *Juche*-motivated lines and thus scored good results in their researches which are of great importance in socialist economic construction and the country's scientific and technological progress.

Last year our cinema workers and other Red writers and artists produced many revolutionary militant works of literature and art. Thus, they demonstrated to the whole world the vitality of our socialist literature and art which is efflorescing and developing resplendently under the leadership of the Party, and made a great contribution to the revolutionization and working-classization of our working people. The Party Central Committee is satisfied with the brilliant achievements made by our writers and artists.

The men and officers of the People's Army and the People's Security Forces stood firm at their outposts to defend stoutly the security of the country and the people, and the Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and the Red Young Guardsmen also creditably carried out their revolutionary tasks. Through the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army last year, we demonstrated to the whole world the indestructible might of our revolutionary armed forces with the People's Army at its core.

A great stride was also made in the struggle for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country last year. Thanks to the persistent efforts of our Party and the Government of the Republic, a historic north-south joint statement was made public last July, the keynote being the three principles—independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity. In accordance with the agreements in this statement the North-South Coordination Commission has been set up. Since the announcement of the north-south joint statement the north-south Red Cross talks have made smooth progress. As a result, new bright prospects have been opened up before our people in their struggle for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. This is a great victory of our Party's policy of independent, peaceful reunification which is based on the *Juche* idea, and is striking proof of its correctness and unfailing vitality.

All these brilliant successes we achieved in the revolution and construction last year are a fruit of the heroic struggle the working class and all other sections of the people, closely united around the Party Central Committee, waged with a high degree of revolutionary enthusiasm and creative activity.

Greeting the New Year, I extend warm thanks and hearty congratulations to our heroic working class, cooperative farmers, working intellectuals, men and officers of the People's Army and the People's Security Forces, the Public Security personnel, Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen who, upholding the Party's lines and policies, carried out their revolutionary tasks with honours.

I also extend my New Year greetings to all the people in south Korea who fought valiantly for the democratization of south Korean society and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country last year.

Last year the Korean nationals in Japan under the guidance of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) waged an energetic struggle to defend their democratic, national rights and accelerate the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. On the New Year day, I extend warm congratulations and greetings to all the officials of Chongryon and the 600,000 Korean nationals in Japan and to all other Koreans abroad.

Thanks to the vigorous activities of our Party and the Government of the Republic in their external relations, the international solidarity of our revolution was further strengthened last year. Greeting the New Year 1973, I, on behalf of the entire Korean people, extend warm congratulations and greetings to the peoples of the socialist and many other countries of the world who give support and encouragement to our people in their struggle for socialist construction and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Comrades,

The year of 1973 lies halfway in the carrying out of the Six-Year Plan. This year all the Party members and working people should effect another great revolutionary upsurge in all domains of the national economy in accordance with the programmatic tasks set forth at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly, and thus achieve a decisive victory in the struggle to fulfil the Six-Year Plan.

This year we will actively work to develop all domains of the national economy quickly as envisaged in the State plan and, in particular, make great efforts to advance the extractive industries, the first process of production.

In the extractive industries we must actively introduce mechanization and comprehensive mechanization in pit work in the existing coal and ore mines to increase production. On the other hand, we must secure enough reserves of deposits and extensively develop new coal and ore mines. To do so, we must step up geological survey.

The engineering industry and many other branches of the national economy should produce sufficient heavy machines and various equipment and materials for the mechanization of coal and ore mines and the development of new ones.

This year in the work of construction, we must fulfil a huge task of building large, modern metallurgical centres and large, aggregate chemical industrial centres which are of great significance in increasing the independence of our industry and improving the people's living standards. In capital construction, by carrying through the Party's policy of concentrated construction, we must concentrate our efforts on the early completion of the steel and rolling shops at the Kim Chaek Iron Works and of the Sungri Chemical Plant which are now under construction, as well as on the creation of a giant chemical plant in the western region. At the same time, we must energetically step up the construction of the Sodusu Power Station and Pukchang Thermal Power Station for their early completion.

One of our central tasks this year is to increase the quantity and variety of consumer goods and radically improve their quality. In light industry this year we must work hard for the modernization of the textile, garment, footwear, daily-necessities and food industries, and thereby produce larger quantities of high-quality consumer goods for the people and [illegible] the production [illegible] envisaged for the end of the Six-Year Plan.

As regards transport we must reinforce its material and technological foundations and improve its organization to fully meet the growing demand for transport. Especially in railway transport energetic efforts must be made to establish a revolutionary discipline and order and extend transport and traffic capacities.

In agriculture we must actively step up its comprehensive mechanization and chemicalization to increase agricultural production sharply. The experience of last year clearly proves that the Party's policy of rapidly developing agriculture in the in-between areas is entirely correct. This year we must supply them with more tractors, trucks and other modern farm machines, and more chemical fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals, so as to effect an innovation in farming in these areas. In agriculture we must improve the management and operation of cooperative farms as demanded by the new system of agricultural guidance and, particularly, organize manpower properly and concentrate it on agricultural production without dispersing it.

The extensive application of the latest achievements of science and technology in production is an important task to introduce mechanization and semi- and full-scale automation in the different branches of the national economy and thereby augment production speedily and deliver our working people from arduous labour. Scientists and technicians must strive to raise all our sciences and techniques to the world level, and at the same time, boldly apply the results of scientific researches to production.

In order to effect a fresh upswing in socialist construction and successfully carry out our tasks this year, we must elevate the role of State bodies. All the State bodies must quickly change their work system and satisfactorily perform their functions, as stipulated in the Socialist Constitution.

This time we have taken a new step to merge some central executive bodies which had been too much subdivided. This is an important measure to eliminate departmentalism and regionalism in the work of State and economic institutions

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Joyous New Year Celebration of Pyongyang School Children and Kindergartners Held

in the Presence of the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

New Year celebration of Pyongyang school and kindergarten children honoured with the presence of our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

A joyous New Year celebration of Pyongyang school children and kindergartners was held at the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace on the evening of December 31 in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people and the benevolent father of our children, youth and students.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our Party and people and the benevolent father of our children, youth and students, arrived at the palace at seven p.m., the rousing cheers of "Long live the great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" rocked the grand palace, reverberating far and wide. Students and children enthusiastically welcomed the fatherly Leader shouting at the top of their voice "*manse!*" (hurrah) and waving their hands, and extended highest honour and deepest thanks to the Marshal, their father, who has brought our children, youth and students today's infinite happiness.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was met at the entrance of the palace by leading functionaries of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth and the Central Committee of the Democratic Women's Union and responsible workers of the palace.

Young pioneers offered New Year's greetings to Marshal Kim Il Sung, their father, representing the unanimous loyalty of the entire students and children and kindergartners of our country who heartily wish the Leader a long life in good health from the bottom of their hearts.

Amid the cheers of "*manse!*" shaking the palace and loud drum-beating young pioneers rushed out and presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to the fatherly Leader and put a red scarf around his neck.

Amid rousing cheers, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung walked into the palace taking hands of young pioneers.

The fatherly Leader warmly took the hands of the cheering children and affectionately patted them on the heads, responding to their enthusiastic welcome.

Attending the celebration were Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kang Ryang Uk, Kim Il, Pak Sung Chul, Choe Hyon, O Jin U, Kim Dong Gyu, Kim Jung Rin, So Chol, Han Ik Su, Hyon Mu Gwang, Yang Hyong Sop, Chong Jun Taek, Kim Man Gum, Li Gun Mo, Choe Jae U, Li Jong Ok, Rim Chun Chu, Yon Hyong Muk, O Tae Bong, Nam Il, Hong Won Gil and Kim Song Ae.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung headed for the gymnasium of the palace.

As the fatherly Leader took his seat in the gymnasium, the entire students and children enthusiastically welcomed the Marshal, their father, waving high above their heads beautiful fans, balloons and bouquets and shouting at the top of their voice "*manse!*"

The entire attendants welcoming Marshal Kim Il Sung, their benevolent father, were swept by a wave of deep emotion and joy.

Amid the unbounded adoration of the great Leader that prevailed the gymnasium and to the strains of "Song of Loyalty" little children reverentially presented a basket of flowers carrying the warm thanks and ardent allegiance of our students and children to Marshal Kim Il Sung, their father.

The students and children celebrating the New Year 1973, with infinite emotion and joy of having marked the auspicious event of election of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved father, as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, reverentially offered New Year's greetings to the Marshal, their father, wishing him a long life in good health representing their unanimous loyalty.

The attendants broke again into a thunderous applause.

Sports circle members celebrating the hopeful New Year 1973, in the presence of Marshal Kim Il Sung, their father, whom they always adore awake or asleep, showed him their proud life through calisthenics.

The Leader dropped in at the entertainment room and congratulated the children who were greeting the New Year's day, cheerfully dancing.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung saw a New Year celebration art performance by Pyongyang kindergartners and school children at the theatre of the palace.

Each number of the performance which raised the curtain with choruses of "Greetings to the Marshal, Our Father" and "Kids' Army Marches" by lovely kindergarten children depicted the love, higher than the sky and deeper than the ocean, with which the benevolent father Marshal Kim Il Sung preferentially provides the best things to the flower buds of our country, and the infinite happiness and pride of the school children and kindergartners who are cultivating their beautiful ideal and hope, wisdom and courage living in the embrace of the Leader.

The performance deeply impressed the audience for its high ideological and artistic value.

At the end of the performance, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung posed for a photograph together with the kindergarten and school children who gave the performance.

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Arranges Dinner in Honour of Guinean Party and Government Delegation Headed by Prime Minister Lansana Beavogui

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Head of State, arranged a dinner on December 21 in honour of the Party and government delegation of the Republic of Guinea before its leaving for home after successful winding up of its visit to our country.

Invited there were Dr. Lansana Beavogui, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Guinean Democratic Party and Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Guinea, who was heading the delegation and members of the delegation — Mamadi Keita, Member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the GDP and Minister in Charge of Education and Culture of the RG; Senainon Behanzin, Minister of Information and Ideology; Drame Alioune, Minister of Planning; Aboubacar Camara, Ambassador of the RG to the DPRK; Traore Diarra, Commander of the Second Military Zone; Fode Soumah, Director of Treaties and Programming under the Ministry in Charge of Foreign Trade; Cisse Nouhou, Director General of the Commercial Enterprise; and Bakary Konde, aide-de-camp.

Present on the occasion were Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Ho Dam, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Kong Jin Tae, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Economic Relations; and Li Chang Son, Minister of Culture.

The dinner proceeded in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

TELEGRAMS

✦ **The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung received congratulatory telegrams from Party and government leaders of various countries upon his election as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.** They are from Comrade **Mao Tsetung**, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Comrade **Tung Pi-wu**, Acting Chairman of the People's Republic of China; Comrade **N.V. Podgorny**, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Comrade **Ton Duc Thang**, President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, and Comrade **Pham Van Dong**, Premier of the Government of the DRVN; Comrade **Nicolae Ceausescu**, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic; Comrade **Ludvik Svoboda**, President of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; Comrade **Henryk Jablonski**, President of the State Council of the Polish People's Republic; Comrade **Walter Ulbricht**, President of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic; Comrade **Y. Tsedenbal**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Mongolian People's Republic, and Comrade **S. Luvsan**, First Vice-President of the Presidium of the Grand People's Hural of the MPR; Comrade **Todor Zhivkov**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic; Comrade **Haxhi Lleshi**, President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the Albanian People's Republic; Comrade **Josip Broz Tito**, President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; Samdech **Norodom Sihanouk**, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea; Major General **Mohamed Siad Barre**, President of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Somali Democratic Republic; **Ahmed Sekou Toure**, President of the Republic of Guinea; **Salem Rubaya Ali**, Chairman of the Presidential Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; **Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr**, President of the Republic of Iraq; Colonel **Moussa Traore**, Head of State, Prime Minister of the Government and Chairman of the Military Committee of National Liberation of the Republic of Mali; **Salvador Allende Gossens**, President of the Republic of Chile; **Carlos Altamirano Orrego**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Chile; and **Tomomi Narita**, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japan Socialist Party.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent messages of greetings to **Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri**, President of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, on the 17th anniversary of the independence of the Sudan and the New Year, and to **El Hadj Ahmadou Ahidjo**, President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, on the 13th anniversary of the independence of Cameroon and the New Year.

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG,

President of the DPRK, Receives Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Syrian Arab Iepublic in Pyongyang That Pay Call on Him to Extend Congratulations

The respected andbeloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sug, President of the Democratic Peop's Republic of Korea, received on Icember 29 the diplomatic corps Pyongyang which paid a call onhim to extend congratulations uponhis election as President of the DPK.

Present on the ocasion were Comrades Choi YonKun and Kang Ryang Uk, Vice-Pidents of the DPRK; Comrade Ho Il, Premier of the DPRK Admistration Council; and Ho Dar Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The diplomatic cos presented a basket of fragran flowers to Comrade Kim Il Su, the respected and beloved ader of our Party and people, rmly congratulating the Leader on being elected as President othe DPRK.

Soviet Ambassad Extraordinary and Plenipoteiary to our country N.G. Sudatov, doyen of the diplomatic cor, said that they had a happy portunity to directly meet the Leer and extend congratulations to him on the significant and motional day when the respectedand beloved Leader Comrade KiIl Sung was elected President of the DPRK.

Noting that the election of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK with a unanimous approval is a manifestation of the entire Korean people's absolute support to and trust in the Leader, he heartily wished the respected Comrade President new, greater successes in his future Party and State work and good health in the New Year 1973.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung expressed thanks to the diplomatic corps for its warm congratulations to our people upon their successes and to the Heads of State, Governments and Parties of foreign countries that dispatched their diplomatic envoys and said that these congratulations are an expression of most intimate, fraternal, militant and friendly sentiments to our country and the Korean people and an expression of friendship and solidarity sealed between the people of our country and these countries.

The Leader also said that the newly adopted Socialist Constitution of our country reflected the inevitable demand of the development of our history, consolidated by law the successes made by our people in the socialist revolution and socialist construction and laid down by law all the principles of politics, economy and culture in the socialist society.

Saying that the demonstration of the unanimous unity of our people through the recent elections is not only a great success for us but a success scored by the support to us of the socialist countries and newly independent states and the peoples of all countries who have friendly relations with us, the Leader expressed thanks to the peoples of all countries for supporting us. The Leader said that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would as ever make efforts to strengthen friendship and solidarity with the peoples of all countries.

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The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received on December 31 Yassir Farra, Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic to our country, who paid a call on him to offer congratulations.

Present on the occasion was Foreign Minister Ho Dam.

The Ambassador extended warm congratulations to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people, on his election as President of the DPRK, and reverentially presented to him a silk banner carrying the feelings of infinite adoration of the Syrian people.

The election of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who is enjoying the infinite respect and trust of the Korean people and the revolutionary people of the world as President of the DPRK is a great event of weighty significance in the history of the struggle of the Korean people and the world people, the Ambassador noted. He wholeheartedly wished the Leader a long life in good health on the occasion of the New Year 1973.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung expressed thanks to the Ambassador for paying a call on him to offer congratulations and had a cordial and friendly talk with him.

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Recives Messages of Greetings from RPR Central Committee and Chirman Han Dok Su of Chongryon Central Standing Committee

The respected and loved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sungceived messages sent by thecentral Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification and Chairman Han Dok Su of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) in congratulation of his being elected as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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and guarantee coordinated leadership in production. Departmentalism and regionalism are incorrect ideological viewpoints which place the interests of one's own organization and one's own region above national interests as a whole; they are harmful work methods which greatly impede socialist construction. All State and economic officials must put an end to departmentalism and regionalism. They must always give great attention to the general work of the State and see to it that their quotas of cooperative production are carried out without fail.

Success in all work largely depends on the efforts of cadres, the commanding personnel of the revolution. Experience shows that innovations and miracles are wrought where leading functionaries fight audaciously, standing in the van of the masses and setting practical examples to them, and that work is sluggish where they do not.

This year all the leading functionaries must stand in the forefront of the revolutionary struggle and construction, skilfully organize and guide the masses and set examples to them through their own selfless endeavours. In particular, the leading personnel must strive to eliminate bureaucratism and subjectivism in their work. They must always go to places of work, fully grasp the desire of the producer masses and actual conditions at lower units, working and living with the workers and farmers, before they give guidance to any work. They must give priority to political work and actively bring forth the revolutionary enthusiasm and creative talents of the masses.

The most important revolutionary task facing us is to intensify the ideological revolution and revolutionize and working-classize the whole society. We must never slight the ideological revolution, content with the success in the building of socialism. With the successful progress of socialist construction and with the rapid improvement of the material and cultural well-being of the people, we must intensify the ideological revolution all the more and thoroughly revolutionize and working-classize all of the working people.

We must continue to intensify the education of the working people in Party policies and the revolutionary traditions to arm them firmly with the Marxist-Leninist idea, our Party's *Juche* idea, so that all of them become true Red soldiers of the Party, communist revolutionaries who devotedly fight for the Party and the revolution.

This year, too, we should thoroughly implement e Party's military line, the main content of hich is to turn the entire army into an army of dres, modernize it from top to bottom, arm all e people and fortify the whole country, and inease the nation's defence capabilities.

This year the organizations of Chongryon and brean nationals in Japan, holding aloft the revtionary banner of the *Juche* idea, should strive ntinuously and vigorously to defend their demratic, national rights and hasten the independ-, peaceful reunification of the homeland, to engthen the international solidarity with the panese people and other peoples of the world. e Korean nationals in Japan must completely sh all the splitting and subversive activities the reactionaries, build the Chongryon orgzations more solidly and keep up their struggle, lping and leading each other forward, rallied se around Chongryon.

Our Party and the Government of the Republ will this year, too, strengthen militant solida- with the international revolutionary forces d develop friendship and cooperation with all ples of the world so as to turn the internationsituation still more favourably to our people's revolutionary cause. We will also resolutely fight to check and frustrate the imperialists' policies of aggression and war and safeguard the peace of Asia and the world, under the unfurled revolutionary banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

Comrades,

The revolutionary tasks raised before us this year are very difficult and enormous. All the working people must valiantly get over all difficulties and obstacles and bring about a new, great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction by giving a fuller scope to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and thus make the year 1973 a decisive year in the carrying out of the Six-Year Plan.

Our struggle is fruitful and our prospect is bright. Only victory and glory are in store for our people who advance under the wise leadership of our Party.

Let us all unite rock-firm around the Party Central Committee and march forward dynamically to fulfil the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and the complete victory of socialism.

Greeting the New Year 1973

Comrade KIM IL SUNG,

the Respected and Beloved Leader

You, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, the peerless hero and the salvation star for the liberation of us people in the south,

Today we greet 1973, a new year of struggle, in the field of bloody battle on the rigorous underground revolutionary front for the victory of the south Korean revolution and the independent reunification of the country.

On the occasion of the New Year, the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, representing the unanimous feelings of boundless respect and loyalty of our Party members and all the revolutionaries and people in this land, extends the highest honour and warm greetings to you, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who show us a correct path of struggle and lead the great historic cause of the nation for the nation-wide completion of the revolution along the highway of victory.

We remember that 1972 was a historic year full of important events which will go down in history for ever, inscribed in golden letters.

Last year all our compatriots in the north and the south celebrated the significant 60th birthday of you, dear Leader, as the most auspicious event of the nation and had the supreme honour to elect you, dear Leader, as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, out of high respect for you, expressing the unanimous will and ardent desire of the whole nation to live and fight, attending you, dear Leader, eternally generation after generation.

In the glorious year, the immortal *Juche* idea of you, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great thinker and theoretician of the present times and genius of mankind, threw more effulgent rays all over the world and tremendously accelerated the advance of the Korean revolution and the world revolution, thus erecting another brilliant pyramid in the history of mankind of the *Juche* era.

The people in the northern half of the country consolidated still further the unshakable unity and cohesion of the entire people based on the great ideological system of *Juche* and achieved amazing successes of labour outdistancing times in the midst of the vigorous, grand march for grandly celebrating the 60th birthday of you, dear Leader, with the greatest political and labour successes and thereby strengthened the revolutionary base into an impregnable fortress. In particular, they came to have the original and revolutionary *Juche*-based Constitution drawn up by you, dear Leader, which consolidated by law the brilliant victories gained in the socialist revolution and socialist construction and secured a solid legal basis to firmly guarantee the everlasting victory of the *Juche* idea in our country.

Thanks to the active and positive steps taken by you, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great master of ideology and theory and strategy and tactics of our time and genius of revolution, a breach was made in the frozen barrier of division, a tendency toward peaceful reunification grew throughout the 3,000-*ri* expanse of land and a phase of epochal turn brought in the way of the reunification of the country. This is a proud victory of the *Juche* idea.

The ever-victorious *Juche* idea and the strategy of the world revolution set forth by you, dear Leader, have gripped the hearts of more and more revolutionary peoples on the five continents, giving a powerful impetus to the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle in all areas and rapidly pushing forward the wheels of modern history.

The glorious and brilliant rays of *Juche* shine more brightly over the southern land through dark clouds, riding on the crest of the current of the favourable internal and external situation brought about by you, dear Leader, and is bearing a fine fruit.

As you, the great Leader, whom the whole world is looking up to, are always with us and your immortal *Juche* idea and pre-eminent strategy and tactics illumine the road ahead of us like a lighthouse, we have been able to accelerate our vigorous march toward the peak of victory in the exultant spirit of annihilating the enemy, our hearts aglow with ardent loyalty to you, dear Leader, even in the pitch-dark land swept by a whirlwind of fascist tyranny.

Under the revolutionary banner of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification taking the great *Juche* idea as its guiding principle, our workers, peasants and all other sections of people consistently waged an indomitable struggle for the victory of the south Korean revolution and the independent reunification of the country even under the grim circumstances in which all laws and order are replaced by force of tanks and bayonets.

In the crucible of this grandiose struggle the ranks of the Party's core elements have grown and its mass foundation has been expanded and reinforced and our Party has developed into a vanguard, seasoned and steeled. The Revolutionary Party for Reunification has realized the political and ideological unity of the whole Party with you, dear Leader, as its only central figure and is faithfully performing its historical mission as the political general staff of the south Korean revolution.

In the historic speech made at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, you, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, synthesized the great successes and rich experiences in the revolution and construction carried out in the northern half of the country and brightly illumined the path to the complete victory of socialism and transition to communism, thus inspiring us with a new hope and a burning fighting will.

Infinitely encouraged by the historic report of you, dear Leader, and the Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a State of workers and peasants, set forth by you, dear Leader, we are filled with a rock-firm determination to maintain the *Juche*-based stand of bearing responsibility for the south Korean revolution and fight more stubbornly along the one road of victory indicated by you, dear Leader, on the occasion of 1973, a year of glory and victory.

You, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and the peerless hero, taught: **"In order to vanquish the counter-revolution and win victory for the revolution in south Korea, powerful revolutionary forces must be prepared."**

Engraving the teaching of you, dear Leader, deep on our hearts, we will energetically wage the struggle for fostering the revolutionary forces in close combination with the struggle against the foreign aggressors and for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, and against the military fascist dictatorship and for the democratization of society.

Holding higher the banner of anti-U.S. national salvation, we will continue to fight vigorously to drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors, smash the renewed invasion of the Japanese militarists and restore the sovereignty of the nation and bring to a new height the movement of the people of all strata for the reunification of the country against the flunkeyist-traitors hampering the reunification, realize cooperation and collaboration between the north and the south on a broader scale by cooperating with the brothers in the north by concerted efforts, and raise higher the torch of the national salvation struggle to bring earlier the dawn of a reunified country.

At the same time, we will valiantly conduct various forms of mass struggle to win freedom for the study of the *Juche* idea and the legalization of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification and to have the "state of national emergency" withdrawn and have all the anti-communist, fascist evil laws repealed and, by constantly accumulating the revolutionary forces in the flames of struggle, fight unyieldingly to demolish the system of colonial fascist dictatorship full of contradictions and establish a democratic power of the people.

We will arm ourselves more thoroughly with the great *Juche* idea and steadily expand the ranks of the Party and strengthen the Party into a militant and dynamic vanguard striking deep roots among the broad masses including the workers and peasants, and increase in every way the leading role of the Party and thus advance the struggle onto a higher stage.

We know well that the road of our struggle to carry the south Korean revolution and the cause of national reunification to victory is a rugged one full of twists and turns.

No raging storm or desperate frenzy of the enemy, however, can hold in check the sacred struggle of us who are proud to be fighters loyal to you, the great Leader.

Ever-victorious is our revolutionary cause as the immortal *Juche* idea of you, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, brightly lights the highway of victory in the revolution and it has the daily prospering and developing, powerful revolutionary base in the northern half of the country and enjoys the positive support and encouragement of the progressive mankind of the whole world.

We will live up to the deep trust and great expectation of you, dear Leader, with allegiance by thoroughly performing the weighty mission we assumed before the country and the nation through our own staunch struggle.

Representing the unanimous desire and ardent adoration of the entire Party members and all the revolutionaries and people in this land who look up to you, dear Leader, with singlehearted reverence and renew their fiery resolve to remain loyal to you, dear Leader, for ever, the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification sincerely wishes that you, the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, genius of mankind, peerless hero and the salvation star for the liberation of the people in the southern half, will enjoy many, many years of life in good health for the reunification of the country and the nation-wide completion of the revolution, for the eternal prosperity of a reunified country and the nation and for the victorious advance of the world revolution.

Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification

Seoul, January 1, 1973

Marshal KIM IL SUNG,

the Great Leader of the Korean People and the Benevolent Father of the 600,000 Compatriots in Japan

On the first morning of 1973, the New Year of glory, I, in the name of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan, reverentially extend highest glory and warmest congratulations to you, dear Marshal Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and the great Leader of the Korean people.

The entire functionaries of Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan are now overwhelmed with infinite joy and happiness at the emotional news that you, dear Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and the great Leader of the revolution, who have performed immortal revolutionary exploits by devoting your all for the fatherland and people, for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism in Korea and the victory of the world revolutionary movement for half a century since you took the road of revolution in your early age, were elected President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

The election of the respected and beoved Leader as the President of the DPRK is an expression of the entire Korean pople's undispuited trust in and loyalty to you, dear Leader and, at the same time, the reflection of the unanimous aspiration and ardent desire of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan to entrust their all to you and follow you till the end of the sun and the mon.

The entire functionaries of Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan are filled with the firm determination to faithfully attend you, dear Leader singleheartedly and advance under your outstanding leadership till the limits of the skies and the earth, cherishing this great emotion and glory.

The entire functionaries of Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan warmly support the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK, which solidified by law the shining successes made by our people in the socialist revolution and socialist construction under the wise leadership of you respected and beloved Leader and most correctly laid down the principles governing all political, economic, cultural and military spheres under the socialist system, their hearts swelling with the greatest pride and honour of being the overseas citizens of an independent socialist state.

Last year, 1972, was a most glorious year in which we celebrated most significantly the 60th birthday of you, Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, which will remain recorded in golden letters for ever in the history of our country, as the greatest jubilee of the nation, and a glorious year in which a great success was made in the efforts for the complete victory of socialism and the accomplishment of the cause of national reunification under your wise leadership and a brilliant year in which the *Juche* philosophy founded by the Leader illumined more brightly a new road of the development of human history.

Upholding the programmatic teachings of you, respected and beloved Leader, the people in the homeland last year won a great victory in the struggle to surpass the production level set for the end of 1973 of the grand Six-Year Plan, made our country invincible and demonstrated its right to the whole world.

Especially last year the north-south joint statement, which caused a great sensation throughout the world, was published on the basis of the three principles of national reunification laid down by you, respected and beloved Leader and the North-South Co-ordination Commission operated and the north-south Red Cross talks proceeded, with the result that the arbor for reunification overflew the three thousand-*ri* land of beautiful mountains and rivers and a new historic turn was made in the movement for the independent, peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

You, Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, steadily led the functionaries of Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan along the road of worthy struggle last year so they could further develop in depth the patriotic work of Chongryon, keeping pace with the grandiose struggle of the home people, in conformity with the pulsating current situation and showed them everypaternal solicitude.

You respected and beloved Leader gave programmatic teachings to Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan in each period, brightly lighting the victorious road ahead of us and personally received the group of Koreans from Japan for celebrating the 60th birthday of the Leader, and he representatives of various sections and groups, who visited the homeland, and gave them earnest words, instilling into us new strength and courage and unbounded confidence in victory.

You respected and beloved Leader honoured Chongryon functionaries with "Order of Kim Il Sung," the highest order of our country, and the title of Labour Hero, the highest honour for the DPRK citizens, and other state decorations and again bestowed upon seven representatives of compatriots in Japan the great honour of being deputies to the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

In the past one year alone, you fatherly Leader sent in five installments a colossal amount of educational aid fund and stipends adding up to 1,675,805,800 yen (in Japanese currency) and sent four delegations from the homeland and repeatedly sent repatriation boats and trade ships, enveloping the compatriots in Japan in deep emotion and joy.

Infinitely inspired by the warm love and solicitude of you fatherly Leader incomparable to anything in the world, the Chongryon functionaries and compatriots in Japan vigorously waged the "150-day innovation movement" with the single desire to repay your benevolence with loyalty and most warmly celebrated the 60th birthday of you respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the greatest jubilee of the nation, with high political enthusiasm and successes in work, and further displayed your immortal *Juche* idea within and without.

Chongryon, upholding the earnest teaching of you respected and beloved Leader, dynamically conducted a principled struggle for the execution of the decisions of the Third Session of its Ninth Central Committee and more firmly established the ideological system of great *Juche* in its organisation and, on this basis, firmly ensured its unitary guidance and further consolidated its organisation.

Holding aloft the *Juche*-based educational idea of you, dear Leader, Chongryon more thoroughly established *Juche* in the work of democratic, national education, and waged a movement for finding out Koreans with the participation of all the compatriots to further expand the ranks of our students and develop the work of national education all the more.

Under your solicitude, Chongryon firmly defended the right of DPRK citizenship and other democratic, national rights and smoothly ensured the repatriation operation and widened the road of travel to the homeland and third countries.

Upholding the line of the independent, peaceful reunification of the country set forth by you respected and beloved Leader, Chongryon extensively organized joint meetings with compatriots under "Mindan" (the "ROK" Residents Association in Japan) supporting the north-south joint statement and thus smashed the nation-splitting plots of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, radically developed the work of national unity among the compatriots in Japan and more powerfully inspired the south Korean people to the patriotic struggle for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Holding aloft the principled and independent foreign policy laid down by you, dear Leader, Chongryon widely propagandized the great *Juche* idea externally and further deepened the respect and trust for you, dear Leader among the Japanese people and the peoples of various countries of the world and strengthened the international solidarity with them, while helping towards promoting the economic and cultural intercourse between Korea and Japan.

All the successes made by Chongryon last year were another brilliant victory of the great *Juche* idea of you, respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and a precious fruit of the wise leadership of you, dear Leader, and your paternal love and solicitude for our compatriots in Japan.

Looking back with a high pride upon last year embroidered with fruitful struggles and brilliant successes under the wise guidance and care of you, respected and beloved Leader, the entire functionaries of Chongryon and compatriots in Japan feel their hearts swell with infinite honour and happiness of living and fighting under the guidance of you, great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, whom they revere so ardently, awake or asleep, and burn with the unanimous determination to remain loyal to you dear Leader for ever.

In the New Year Chongryon, holding aloft the banner of the great *Juche* idea of you, respected and beloved Leader, will bring to thorough and all-round embodiment your great idea and theories on the overseas compatriots movement and develop all the work of Chongryon to a higher stage in conformity with the favourable situation in which a new phase is open for national reunification and thus make a great contribution to the sacred nation-wide struggle for the prosperity of the socialist fatherland and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Chongryon will, first of all, keep a firm hold on the work of establishing the ideological system of great *Juche*, a decisive guarantee for all victories, regarding it as a key point, and continue to constantly deepen the work so that the functionaries and compatriots may remain loyal to you dear Leader with a single heart and defend and guard you politically and ideologically with their own lives and think and act in accordance with your intention, with unshakable faith, looking up to you in their struggle.

Chongryon will consolidate the unity and cohesion of its ranks as firm as rock on the basis of the ideological system of *Juche* and more thoroughly ensure its unitary guidance and prove good at the work with people to rally the compatriots of all strata ever closer around you, dear Leader and solidly build its organization into an invincible organization which does not shake in any storm.

Chongryon will fight more staunchly to further develop the democratic, national education, firmly defend the right of DPRK citizenship and other democratic, national rights, defend to the end the right of repatriation to the homeland and win the freedom of travel to the homeland and third countries.

Regarding the work for promoting the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, the supreme desire of the nation, as its lofty national duty, Chongryon will direct greater efforts to it and thereby further strengthen and develop the work of national unity among the compatriots in Japan and support and inspire in every way the patriotic struggle of the south Korean people.

Chongryon will make energetic efforts to create a more favourable international climate for the reunification of the fatherland by widely propagandizing the great *Juche* idea on an international scale and further cementing the friendship and solidarity with the Japanese people and the progressive peoples of the world.

The entire functionaries of Chongryon and compatriots in Japan who are convinced deep in their hearts that there are today's happiness and brilliant future of our people and our overseas compatriots because there is you, respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, will remain faithful to the end to your teachings under any complex condition, with a high pride of being the successors to the revolutionary traditions, and attain greater victory and glory in the year 1973.

I reverentially wish a long life in good health to you, great Leader of the Korean people Marshal Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and the victory of the cause of the Korean revolution and for the happiness of our people and prosperity of the generations to come.

Han Dok Su,

Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon

Tokyo, Japan, December 31, 1972

Comrade Han Dok Su

Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon

Ushering in the New Year 1973, I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and myself, extend warmest felicitations and greetings to you, Comrade Chairman, and all the functionaries of Chongryon and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan.

Last year Chongryon made a big stride in all fields by bringing the *Juche* idea of our Party to shining embodiment.

Chongryon has firmly rallied its functionaries and the masses of the compatriots around our Party and the Government of the Republic, more solidly built up its organization and resolutely defended the national dignity of the compatriots in Japan and their lawful democratic rights as the overseas citizens of a sovereign and independent state.

Chongryon has made a great contribution to strengthening national unity among the compatriots of all strata, energetically promoting the whole nation's cause of independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland, displaying the honour of the socialist fatherland and changing the international climate further in favour of the development of our revolution.

We sincerely rejoice over and highly appreciate all the exploits and successes made by the compatriots in Japan under the guidance of Chongryon, bravely weathering through all the obstacles and difficulties facing it.

I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, express warm thanks to Comrade Chairman and all the functionaries of Chongryon and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan who have performed great feats for the fatherland and people.

Displaying to the full their infinite loyalty to our Party, last year the people in the homeland made an important breakthrough for carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution put forth by the Fifth Congress of the Party, adopted the Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly held some time ago and built up the state organs more solidly, thus consolidating by law the great achievements made in socialist revolution and socialist construction and preparing a mighty guarantee for dynamically accelerating the complete victory of socialism and the historic cause of national reunification.

With the publication of the north-south joint statement the keynote of which is the three principles of national reunification laid down by our Party, a new phase opened in the nation-wide struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland and the international ranks of the supporters and sympathizers for our country markedly expanded.

The people in the homeland are now ushering in the hopeful New Year with the new revolutionary determination, looking back with deep emotion upon last year which will be recorded in golden letters for ever in the history of the glorious struggle of our people.

The new situation fast changing in favour of the development of our revolution demands of Chongryon and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan to develop all their work still further.

The great *Juche* idea is the only guiding compass of our Party and the Government of our Republic and the ever-victorious revolutionary idea firmly guaranteeing the victory of our revolution.

I firmly believe that in the New Year, too, Chongryon will hold aloft the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea and, under the unitary guidance of Comrade Chairman, consolidate its organization as firm as a rock, rally its functionaries and the masses of the compatriots ever closer around our Party and the Government of the Republic, vigorously organize and mobilize the masses of the compatriots to the patriotic struggle for defence of all the democratic, national rights of the compatriots in Japan including their national education and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland, steadily strengthen the international solidarity with Japanese people of all strata and the progressive forces of various countries of the world and successfully fulfil all the sacred revolutionary tasks assigned to it.

I wish dear Comrade Chairman good health and the entire compatriots in Japan happiness.

KIM IL SUNG,

President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, January 1, 1973

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Exchanges New Year's Cards with Foreign Party and Government Leaders

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received New Year's cards from Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Comrade Tung Pi-wu, Acting Chairman of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Chu Teh, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, and Comrade Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the PRC; Comrade Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and Comrade Aleksei Nikolayevich Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Comrade Ton Duc Thang, President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, Comrade Le Duan, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party, Comrade Truong Chinh, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the DRVN, Comrade Pham Van Dong, Premier of the Government of the DRVN, and Comrade Le Thanh Nghi, Vice-Premier of the Government of the DRVN; Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, and Huynh Tan Phat, President of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the RSVN; Comrade Janos Kadar, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, and Comrade Jeno Fork, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic; Comrade Edward Gierek, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party; Comrade Erich Honecker, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party, and Comrade Walter Ulbricht, President of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic; Comrade Y. Tsedenbal, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Mongolian People's Republic; and Comrade Ion Gheorghe Maurer, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung sent New Year's cards to the Party and government leaders of these countries.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Song Ae received a New Year's card from Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, and his wife.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Song Ae sent a New Year's card to them.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung received a New Year's card from Benjamin Henry Sheares, President of the Republic of Singapore, and his wife.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Song Ae sent a New Year's card to them.

EDITORIAL

Evidence of Our People's Deepest Trust in and Intense Loyalty to the Leader

The great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, was unanimously elected to be President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, and this was a reflection of the undivided will and ardent desire of the whole Party and all the people.

Now all of our people offer the greatest felicitations to the Leader, wholeheartedly supporting and welcoming his election as President of the DPRK.

This election is an evidence of our people's unreserved support of and trust in the Leader; it is a manifestation of their rock-firm revolutionary will and determination to fight on energetically as ever under his guidance for the final victory of the revolutionary cause.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, born into a revolutionary family and setting out on the revolution in his early years with the destiny of the country and the people on his shoulders, initiated the great Marxist-Leninist idea of *Juche* and illumined with a beacon of that idea the path to be followed by the Korean revolution. He led our people straight to victory in their revolutionary cause for the country's freedom and independence, socialism and communism, personally taking upon himself the heavy burdens of the revolution.

He performed the resplendent feats; during the darkest period of Japanese imperialist rule he organized and led the twenty years of the glorious anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle under the unfurled banner of the revolution, Red banner of communism, and accomplished the sacred cause of national liberation and, at the same time, built up the great revolutionary traditions of our Party.

Basing himself on the great revolutionary traditions he had established in the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, he founded the Workers' Party of Korea—a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Party, the revolutionary power and the revolutionary armed forces after liberation and he has led our people steadfastly to victory and upsurge in the revolution and construction; giving guidance to the whole machinery of the proletarian dictatorship so as to defeat the imperialists and the reactionaries at home and repudiate all shades of opportunist trends manifested in the ranks of the communist movement.

The great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the military strategist of genius and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, routed the two imperialist aggressors, Japanese and American, in one generation and thus splendidly defended the country's independence and the nation's honour and brought about a new change in the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle in general.

The Leader wisely led our democratic and socialist revolutions along the shortest way he himself had opened up in an original way, and creditably accomplished in only 14 years the difficult and complex task of industrialization which took other countries a full century or even a few centuries, thereby making it possible to top a peak on the way to socialism and communism.

Thanks to his wise leadership our people, who had been lagging behind others and powerless only to be disparaged and ill-treated in the past, became powerful, dignified people of a glorious country for the first time in their history, the resourceful people of the socialist, independent state which ranks among the advanced countries of the world.

All these achievements are nothing else than the splendid fruition of the immortal *Juche* idea of the great Leader and his wise leadership.

From the outset of the artificial division of our territory Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader and great sun of the nation, put forward the correctest lines and policies for the independent peaceful reunification of the country, taking into deep consideration the destiny and future of the whole nation, and has led all the people unswervingly to the nation-wide struggle for accomplishment of the cause of national salvation.

Under the wise guidance of the Leader the north-south joint statement based on the three principles of national reunification was made public, with the result that the way of contact and dialogue between the north and the south—the way which had long been blocked up—was reopened and a bright prospect opened before independent peaceful reunification of the country.

Throughout the whole period of his revolutionary activities the great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung has been always faithful in executing the national and international tasks of the revolution and carried on the outstanding theoretical and practical activities, making resplendent contributions to the development of the international communist movement and world revolution and to the acceleration of the world-wide national-liberation revolution in colonies and anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

True, the history of the Leader's revolutionary struggle is pervaded throughout with the warm love and devoted service for the country and the people and with indomitable, self-sacrificing struggle for the revolutionary cause of the working class, the cause of socialism and communism, and it is a shining record of the immortal and monumental revolutionary exploits.

The Leader initiated the great *Juche* idea, the fundamental guiding idea of the revolution and construction. This holds the most eminent place in his revolutionary achievements.

Our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us:

"In a nutshell, the idea of *Juche* means that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction. In other words, it is an idea that one is responsible for one's own destiny and that one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny."

("On Some Problems of Our Party's *Juche* Idea and the Government of the Republic's Internal and External Policies," Eng. ed., p. 1.)

The Leader created the great *Juche* idea, thereby blazing the trail of the times and the revolution and bringing about an epochal change in the people's ideological life and practice of the revolution.

He made a brilliant elucidation of the truth of *Juche* idea and thus enabled our people to forcefully push forward the revolution and construction according to their own judgement and in reliance on the internal revolutionary forces, extricating themselves from the fetters of the flunkeyist idea and maintaining the attitude of master, and really contributed to developing the international revolutionary movement and enriching its experiences.

The great philosophical idea of *Juche* has been victoriously embodied in our country. It is a stern fact of history established there. Our country has proved the authenticity of that idea and its unbreakable vitality, shedding the radiant rays all over the world.

In accordance with the profound principles of the *Juche* idea the Leader newly advanced the theory, strategy and tactics of the revolution and construction and thus gave clear-cut overall answers to all the difficult and complex problems that were raised anew at present when the building of socialism and communism was placed on the order of the day and when the current of national liberation became stronger than ever.

The superb thought of the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution which he formulated for the first time, his unique theory of the socialist revolution, his scientific doctrine of the building of socialism and communism and his strategic and tactical policy for the world revolution and national-liberation revolution are giving powerful encouragement to the people in their struggle for national independence and social progress, for socialism and communism.

The whole course of the Leader's revolutionary activities is replete with the boundless affection and care for the people and shines with the noble trait and virtue of dedicating everything to the people in disregard of his personal danger, difficulty and fatigue. Comrade Kim Il Sung is a true teacher and father who always finds himself among the people, shares the sweets and bitters with them and shows paternal affection and concern for them. Our people, who were trampled underfoot and humiliated in the past, now enjoy a happy life with the greatest pride and self-confidence, with dignity and sense of honor, granted human rights under the blissful socialist system and are waging the struggle full of hope and conviction of victory, because they are in the immeasurably magnanimous, warm embrace of the Leader.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is indeed a great and sagacious Leader who has made so great a contribution to our revolution and world revolution with his superb thoughts and theories, art of the most excellent leadership and noble character. Our people regard it as the greatest happiness and honour to elect him President of the Republic.

In his historic speech at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us:

"Our people are confronted today with the important task of achieving the complete victory of socialism in the northern half of the Republic and the independent peaceful reunification of the country by promoting the revolution and construction. In order to carry out this task, we must continue our vigorous struggle with unusual energy and devotion and dash forward more quickly, overcoming all difficulties."

Our people are all aglow with the burning determination to prepare themselves more firmly as Red revolutionary fighters of the Leader and make a new decisive advance in their struggle to fulfil the Six-Year Plan, the grand programme for the socialist construction, and the three major tasks of the technical revolution as well so as to carry out the programmatic tasks set forth by the Leader and thus hasten the complete victory of socialism, independent peaceful reunification of the country and a nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

Our people will splendidly carry into effect in all domains of state affairs and social life the provisions of the new Socialist Constitution of the Republic which the Leader personally worked out and which embodied his immortal *Juche* idea, so that they may bring about a great change in their revolutionary struggle and the work of construction.

Ever-victorious is the revolutionary cause of our people, who are forging on under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Marxist-Leninist and genius of the revolution, holding higher the revolutionary banner of all-conquering *Juche* idea.

Our People Regard It as Their Greatest Honour, Happiness and Pride to Live Generation after Generation under the Everlasting Leadership of the Leader

Our people are now immensely jubilant over the news that the great Leader of our Party and people Comrade Kim Il Sung was elected President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly. The news keeps their hearts aflame with warm feelings of respect and trust in the Leader.

Choe Byong Ok, a member of the Chongsan Cooperative Farm, expressed her excitement as follows:

The election of the Leader to the Presidency of the State has reflected the unanimous desire of our nation as well as the peasants. This is the greatest honour and happiness of our people, which they hold dearer than anything else. Associated with the name of the Leader are the prosperity of our country, the unending happiness of our people and the brighter future of our nation.

That is why our people acclaim his election to Presidency as the happiness and honour of our nation that will last for all generations to come. That is why they ardently wish that the Leader may enjoy a long, long life and lead our people for ever.

Saying that our people's unreserved trust and respect for the Leader and their great reliance on him are deep-rooted emotions attributable to the immortal exploits performed by him for the Korean revolution and the world revolution, another cooperative farmer Li Sin Bok remarked:

Indeed, our Leader is a great man. He is the great sun and tender-hearted father of our nation, whose like has never been in the 5,000-year-long history of our people.

During the long period of half a century ever since he undertook the revolutionary struggle in his early years, the Leader has dedicated his all to the cause of liberty and liberation of our people, and to the victory of the cause of socialism and communism in our country.

Stating that the great Leader originated the immortal idea of *Juche*, under the bright light of which he restored the lost homeland, founded the invincible, steel-strong Workers' Party of Korea, the revolutionary State power and the revolutionary armed forces and set up the most progressive socialist system and powerful socialist industrial state in this country, the farmer went on to say:

To the wise leadership and warm love of the Leader, our only Leader who is held in high esteem, we farmers owe our unbounded liberty and happiness which we enjoy as real masters of lands, State power and material wealth for the first time in our history of 5,000 years; to him we owe our being revolutionaries who immensely value our political lives and are devoted to the honourable revolutionary work of transforming society, nature, and men.

The fatherly Leader has also looked after our lives, just as a real father does for his children, through the scores of times of on-the-spot guidance for the Chongsan Cooperative Farm, the farmer emphasized.

Thanks to the warmest love of the Leader, she went on, we farmers have long been freed from the worries of food, clothing, housing, education of our children and medical care when ill, under the advanced socialist system of agriculture free from exploitation, oppression and even from taxes. We are now living and working with a firm faith in our victory, seeing with our own eyes the brilliant reality where bus service and water supply are introduced and hospitals are built in all rural villages, and looking forward to the morrow of completely victorious socialist countryside where the distinctions between town and country will have been obliterated, as clearly indicated by the Leader at the Fifth Congress of the Party.

She continued:

Through our life experience and the superiority of the socialist agrarian system established in our countryside, we are convinced that the everlasting prosperity of our country and people and the happiness of all our posterity will be guaranteed only when we follow the road indicated by the Leader and march forward with him as the President.

It is certainly the greatest honour, happiness and pride of us people that we are led by him from generation to generation.

The farmers of the Chongsan Cooperative Farm are unanimously and firmly resolved to dedicate themselves to the struggle for the complete triumph of socialism, taking boundless pride in having him as our President.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught as follows:

"We must continue to dynamically promote the technical, cultural and ideological revolutions to consolidate the socialist system and achieve the complete victory of socialism."

Expressing his determination to carry through this programmatic teaching of the Leader to the last, Chi Hye Sin, a cooperative farmer, said as follows:

To respond to the call of the Leader with our boundless loyalty is the revolutionary creed and unanimous desire of our people who follow him for ever as our President.

We farm members, therefore, will prepare ourselves more thoroughly to be his loyal fighters, further step up the technical revolution set forth by him so as to consolidate and develop the success in the comprehensive mechanization which have already been attained, to give fuller play to the superiority of the communist methods of farming and to effect a big leap in this year's grain production.

With boundless excitement and honour of having elected the great Leader to the Presidency of the DPRK, all our Party members and the entire people will be united more closely around him than ever, valiantly advance along the path of fresh victory blazed by him and surely win the complete victory of socialism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Great Programmatic Speech Indicating the Road to Complete Victory of Socialism and to Communism

The great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung's speech at the recent session of the Supreme People's Assembly "Let Us Further Strengthen the Socialist System of Our Country," has caused surging emotion and excitment in the hearts of all our working people.

Having heard the Leader's historic speech, Comrade Jin Yong Gol, Head of a Chair of the Philosophy Faculty of Kim Il Sung University, expressed his excited feelings in the following vein:

In the speech the Leader fully reviewed the great achievements and rich experiences gained by our Party and the Government of the Republic in the socialist revolution and building of socialism under the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea, and deeply proved the excellence and invincible vitality of our socialist system. Further, he made a sientific and theoretical exposition of the character and quintessence of the new Socialist Constitution, which legally consolidates the victory and success won by our people in their past revolutionary struggle and which provides for the character and tasks of our State and the principles of its activities to meet the demands of the revolutionary development, and he clarified a new grand programme for further consolidation and development of our socialist system.

The Leader's spech serves as a splendid classical literature that systematizes scientifically and theoretically our experience in paving the unique way of the socialist revolution and socialist construction following the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution led by the woking class, a literature which gives perspicuous answers to the pricipled questions arising in the forwrd movement to the complete victcy of socialism and to communism.

The speech represents a historic literature that proes with credit the authenticity and great vitality of the *Juche* idea, a brilliant work that develops Marxsm-Leninism on to a higher plane to suit the requirements of our times advancing on vigorously under the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea and that codifies the profound thought and theory of the revolution and construction.

Indeed, the Leader's speech is a codification of the brilliant ideas which have been created and whose validity and vitality have been fully proved in the course of the revolutionary struggle we have waged in our country through storm and stress. It constitutes a banner of inspiration—the banner which imbues our people and the revolutionary people with fresh fighting spirit, stamina and enthusiasm and rouses them forcefully to action for new victory.

In the speech our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung reviewed the 24 years of the proud, high-pitched struggle of our people to create a new society and a new life under the banner of the Republic with the truly popular constitution for the first time in their history.

The scientific and theoretical summation of our great successes and rich experiences in the socialist revolution and building of socialism clearly shows the people freed from the shackles of colonial semi-feudal society which way they should go along, and how, in order to completely throw off the yoke of class exploitation and national oppression and build a new, free happy life at the earliest date.

The historical experience tells us that we can fully enlist the inexhaustible revolutionary potentialities of the masses of the people and can work unimaginable miracles when we solve, without sticking to any ready-made theory or formula, all the problems arising in the revolution and construction under the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea in conformity with the interests of our people and the actual requirements of our country, putting faith in the strength of the masses of the people, the master of the revolution and construction, and relying on them.

Life definitely proves once again the truth that the *Juche* idea alone can lead us to successfully build a socialist paradise on earth longed for so much by mankind.

In the speech the Leader made a deep analysis of the superiority and invincible vitality of the socialist system established in our country.

Our socialist system is the most excellent social system under which the toiling masses become masters of everything, everything of society serves the working masses and the State is fully responsible for guaranteeing high standards of material and cultural living of the working people including the workers and peasants. In our country the economy, culture, science and technology develop steadily at a high rate.

Through their life our people have realized in the depths of their hearts the incomparable superiority and unbreakable vitality of our socialist system set up by the Leader. They consider it infinite honour and happiness to live and make revolution under the socialist system, the best of its kind, which ensures them genuine freedom and rights and brings them an immensely affluent, happy life.

Having heard the Leader's speech, we look back with deep emotion on the revolutionary struggle our people have waged under the revolutionary banner of the great *Juche* idea, and feel our hearts throbbing with a boundless pride of living under the guidance of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and with a fiery determination to remain singleheartedly loyal to him.

In the speech the Leader gave a profound, theoretical elucidation of the revolutionary quintessence and main content of our new Socialist Constitution.

Our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us:

"The new Socialist Constitution correctly reflects the achievements made in the socialist revolution and building of socialism in our country, defines the principles to govern the activities in the political, economic and cultural fields in socialist society and the basic rights and duties of the citizens, and stipulates the composition and functions of the State organs and the principles of their activities."

The Leader made clear in the speech that our Socialist Constitution, whose mission it is to legally protect our socialist system and the dictatorship of the proletariat and serve the working class in accomplishing its revolutionary cause, is the most popular constitution that legally guarantees the interests and rights of the workers, peasants, soldiers and working intellectuals.

Ours is the most advanced socialist constitution ever known in the history. It serves as a sharp weapon of the proletarian dictatorship in advocating the policies of our Party and the Government of the Republic and firmly defending the gains of the socialist revolution and as a powerful means of accelerating the revolution and construction.

The Leader's speech about the new Socialist Constitution infuses into our minds a great pride and honour of being provided with the reliable legal guarantee in our struggle for the complete victory of socialism and independent peaceful reunification of the country, and inflames our hearts with the unshakable resolve to win a new victory in the building of socialism and communism under the wise guidance of the Leader.

In the speech the Leader unrolled a new wonderful blueprint showing the path for our people to traverse in their struggle for the complete victory of socialism. They are now aroused to another vigorous struggle by the grand programme for thoroughly putting into effect the new Socialist Constitution in all realms of the state affairs so as to push ahead more dynamically with the revolution and construction.

The Leader's historic speech stirs us to an unfathomable tumult of joy and excitement.

It is our firm resolve to devote all our energy to the scientific research on the immortal classical work of the Leader—a codification of his great thought and brilliant theory of building of socialism and communism—so as to deeply grasp and explain it and prove its authenticity and to the educational work so as to embody more thoroughly the principles of socialist pedagogy and thus display eternal allegiance to the Leader as fighters singleheartedly loyal to him.

A news about the election of our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK moves the builders in Pyongyang immensely and gives them great pleasure

Spinners of the Pyongyang Textile Mill study our respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's speech at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK

Election of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG as DPRK President Celebrated as Auspicious Event of Nation

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people, has been elected as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. At the news of this auspicious event of the nation, the whole country is enveloped in a mood of unbounded emotion, excitement and joy. With the high sense of national pride and honour of living and carrying on the revolution under his leadership and with the feeling of intense loyalty to him, all our people warmly support and welcome the election of the Leader as President of the DPRK and extend warmest felicitations and best wishes to him.

Mass Meetings

On December 29 last a grand Pyongyang mass meeting was held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall to celebrate the auspicious event of our nation, the election of the great Leader of our Party and people Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK.

Placed on the platform was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people and President of the DPRK, who founded the Workers' Party of Korea, the General Staff of our revolution, and the revolutionary power of workers and peasants and set up the most superior socialist system and always leads our people along one road of victory and glory, happiness and prosperity.

Seen in the background of the platform was a picture of Mt. Paekdu-san, the lofty mountain of the revolution which is symbolic of the brilliant revolutionary traditions, deep and strong historic roots of our Party and the Korean revolution, established by the Leader in the course of the 20-year-long sanguinary heroic anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle as well as an unfurled banner of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the glorious socialist fatherland of our people, founded and led by him.

The hall was packed to overflowing with cadres of the Party and government organs, People's Army, working people's organizations, men in the fields of science, education, culture, art and the press and working people in the city.

The platform was taken by Comrades Choi Yong Kun and Kang Ryang Uk, Vice-Presidents of the DPRK; Comrade Kim Il, Premier of the Administration Council; members of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK—Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Choe Hyon, Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK; Comrade O Jin U, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Kim Jung Rin, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK;—and Comrade So Chol, Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Han Ik Su, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; and members of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK—Comrade Hyon Mu Gwang, Alternate Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Yang Hyong Sop, Alternate Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Chong Jun Taek, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Kim Man Gum, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Choe Jae U, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Li Jong Ok, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Rim Chun Chu, Secretary of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK, Comrade Yon Hyong Muk, Secretary of the CC of the WPK; Comrade O Tae Bong, Secretary of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Nam Il, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Hong Won Gil, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Ryu Jang Sik, Director of a Department of the CC of the WPK; Ho Dam, Minister of Foreign Affais; and Kim Byong Ha, Minister of Public Security.

Also present at the platform was Hwang Jang Yop, Chairman of the Supreme Peoples Assembly.

The platform was also taken by Pak Shin Dok, Chairman of the CC of the Chondoist Chongu Party; Ryom Tae Jun, Chairman of the CC of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea; Kim I Hun, Chairman of the CC of the Union of Agricultural Working People of Korea; Li Yong Bok, Chairman of the CC of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea; Kim Duk Ran, Secretary-General of the CC of the Korean Democratic Women's Union; Kang Song San, Chief Secretary of the Pyongyang City Committee of the WPK; Kang Hui Won, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee; and Labour Heroes and labour innovators.

Pyongyang students and children hold a bonfire gathering to show their loyalty to the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and celebrate the national jubilee—his election as President of the DPRK

Kang Hui Won, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, made an opening address. The meeting began with the solemn playing of "The Song of General Kim Il Sung."

Comrade Kim Il, Premier of the Administration Council, made a speech at the meeting.

Then the floor was taken by Ryom Tae Jun, Chairman of the CC of the GFTUK; Kim I Hun, Chairman of the CC of the UAWPK; Li Yong Bok, Chairman of the CC of the LSWYK; Kim Duk Ran, Secretary-General of the CC of the KDWU; and Kang Song San, Chief Secretary of the Pyongyang City Committee of the WPK.

The speakers said in unison: The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, a great Marxist-Leninist, genius of revolution and the sun of the nation, has been leading the Korean revolution along one road of victory and glory holding high the revolutionary banner of the immortal *Juche* idea and has brought our people infinite happiness of today. The election of the Leader as President of the DPRK is a manifestation of the unbounded adoration of and absolute trust in him of the entire Korean people and is a reflection of their unanimous will and ardent desire to live under his leadership forever and follow him till end of sun and moon.

Marking this auspicious event of our nation, we reverentially extend the greatest honour and congratulations to the fatherly Leader reflecting the unanimous feeling of allegiance of all our people and sincerely wish a long life in good health to him, said the speakers.

They evinced their firm pledge that cherishing the honour and pride of having elected the Leader as President of the DPRK they would raise higher the flames of great revolutionary upsurge and carry out the programmatic tasks set forth by him at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly to hasten the ultimate victory of our revolution and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

The meeting closed with a chorus of "Long Life and Good Health to the Leader."

Similar meetings were also held in the provincial seats and at factories and enterprises, co-op farms, educational, cultural and public health establishments and units of the People's Army.

Bonfire Meeting of Loyalty

A bonfire meeting of loyalty of children, youth and students in Pyongyang was held on the evening of December 29 to celebrate the auspicious event of the nation, the election of the respected and beloved Leader of our Party and people Marshal Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK.

Set up in the centre of the floodlit square was a portrait of the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK and the benevolent father of our children, youth and students.

Also visible there were slogan-boards with the words: "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!" and "We reverentially wish a long life in good health to the great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

The square was packed with more than 50,000 young workers of factories and enterprises, young co-op farmers, one-beats-a-hundred People's Army men and children and students of schools at various levels in the city.

Present there were Comrade O Jin U, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK and Member of the Central People's Committee, and responsible functionaries of the working people's organizations and central organs.

Bonfires were built and a chorus of "The Song of General Kim Il Sung" echoed through the square.

While the whole square was full of deep emotion and excitement, Li Yong Bok, Chairman of the CC of the LSWYK, made a speech.

Then "The Song to the Leader," a poem on the determination of children, youth and students, was recited and the attendants danced to the strains of the songs "The 40 Million Sing of the Leader" and "At the Foot of Mt. Ponghwasan."

The poem "The Song Dedicated to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the Respected and Beloved Leader of Our Party and People and Benign Father of Children, Youth and Students" reverberated in the night sky.

The attendants renewed their adamant resolve to keep in full bloom the immortal *Juche* idea of the Leader forever and attend and follow him to the limits of the earth, cherishing deep in their hearts the honour of having elected with reverence the great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK.

Pyongyang mass meeting held in celebration of the national jubilee—the election of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people, as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

An Excellent and Monumental Legal Document in Our Time

The Socialist Constitution personally worked out by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and people, is an excellent and monumental legal document in our time which consolidates by law the brilliant victories and successes achieved by our people in the socialist revolution and the building of socialism under his wise leadership and stipulates the principles governing all the political, economic, cultural and military spheres under the socialist system.

Moreover, the new Socialist Constitution represents the revolutionary banner inspiring more vigorously to a fresh victory our people who fight for the cause of socialism and communism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and a beacon of hope for the revolutionary peoples of the world who fight for freedom and democracy.

It gives an allround definition of the rules of activity and the norms of life which should be observed by State bodies and the masses of the people in all domains, political, economic, cultural and military, for the complete victory of socialism; it is a programme of action for the Government of our Republic and its citizens.

The Socialist Constitution which explicitly defines the great *Juche* idea of the Leader as the sole guiding compass provides a sure legal guarantee for the eternal prosperity of our country as a socialist State, independent in politics, self-reliant in economy and self-defensive in national defence, which is advancing under the uplifted banner of the *Juche* idea.

It is also a positive and mobilizing Constitution which lays down the fundamental principles on the building of socialist State clarified by the Leader and the tasks and the principles of activity of the working-class State put forward by him in accomplishing the historical mission of the proletarian dictatorship after the establishment of the socialist system and which clearly expounds the rules of conduct to be adhered to by our people in fulfilling the responsibility and role as the masters of the State and society.

The new Socialist Constitution which prescribes the principles and rules to be observed in firmly securing the unitary leadership of the Leader over the revolution and construction is a great model of socialist constitution and the best socialist code fully reflecting the laws of the building of socialism and communism and the fundamental requirements for the construction of the working-class State.

The Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea drawn up in person by the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is, indeed, a new Constitution of *Juche* embodying in itself the everlasting *Juche* idea of the Leader and the highest form of democratic Constitution thoroughly defending the interests of the workers, peasants and other working people.

The new Socialist Constitution will serve as a sure legal guarantee for consolidating and developing the socialist system of our country and vigorously promoting the complete victory of socialism and the cause of the country's independent, peaceful reunification, as a great programme giving new hope, confidence and courage to and exerting great revolutionary influence on the people in south Korea who fight, seeing their happy future in the splendid socialist realities of the northern half of the Republic and as an immortal militant banner forcefully encouraging the entire Korean people to a new, greater victory.

It is at the same time a patriotic Constitution embodying the lofty spirit of love for the country and the people which thoroughly champions the interests of all our overseas compatriots and a most internationalist Constitution which expresses an unbounded fidelity to the international revolutionary cause of the working class.

The new Socialist Constitution is a brilliant, great Marxist-Leninist document for the profound ideas and outstanding theories it contains.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"Our people are confronted today with the important task of achieving the complete victory of socialism in the northern half of the Republic and the independent peaceful reunification of the country by promoting the revolution and construction."

Our people now have really heavy yet honourable tasks to fulfil.

The most important thing is that all the functionaries and working people arm themselves firmly with the great revolutionary thoughts of the Leader and accelerate their revolutionization and working-classization still further.

We social scientists are all full of determination to become fighters infinitely loyal to the Leader by deeply studying his historic speech made at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly and his other immortal works and teachings and making them our bones and flesh and by tempering ourselves all the more.

With the revolutionary trait of carrying the Leader's instructions through to the end, I will make an overall study of his great *Juche* idea and our Party's lines and policies, its embodiment, and the laws and regulations of the State. I will actively explain and disseminate them among the people at large, so that they strictly observe and implement the Socialist Constitution and all the State policies set forth by him.

Kim Jong Il,
Institute of Laws,
Academy of Social Sciences

Working People's New Year Resolve

Our working people are immensely moved and excited by the historic speech of the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly and by his New Year Address.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught as follows:

"The revolutionary tasks raised before us this year are very difficult and enormous. All the working people must valiantly get over all difficulties and obstacles and bring about a new, great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction by giving a fuller scope to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and thus make the year 1973 a decisive year in the carrying out of the Six-Year Plan."

All the working people in our country are firmly resolved to make fresh innovations this year in all fields of the national economy, true to the teaching of the Leader.

Bearing deep in mind the Leader's instruction that great efforts should be directed, first of all, to the development of the engineering industry and that the production of machine tools should be quickly expanded for the successful implementation of the three major tasks of the technical revolution, the central tasks for socialist economic construction at the present stage, the Red machine builders of the Huichon Machine Tool Plant are firmly determined to effect fresh upsurge in the production of machine tools this year.

Last year, holding high the torch of technological renovation kindled by the Leader, the whole factory, the whole collective of these machine builders, heroically struggled to make innovations and triumphantly captured the height of turning out 10,000 machine tools before the 60th birthday of the Leader.

Thus, together with the other engineering workers in different parts of the county, they greatly contributed to making a breakthrough in carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution by splendidly capturing the height of producing 30,000 machine tools last year.

Holding higher the torch of technical innovation at the outset of the New Year, the machine-building workers in Huichon, not content with success, are working hard to consolidate their success made in turning out 10,000 machine tools, and especially to increase the variety of machine tools and improve their quality, to say nothing of increasing their quantity.

Agricultural working people are also burning with their firm resolve of loyalty.

The hearts of all our agrarian working people, including those in Mundok county who honourably produced 100,000 tons of grain last year despite the unusually adverse weather conditions, and the farmers of the Chollima Ryongbong Cooperative Farm in Mangyongdae District, who received the distribution of some 70 sacks of grain and over 280 won in cash per household on the average, are throbbing with overflowing enthusiasm.

The Leader has not only emancipated our peasantry from exploitation and oppression, but now set forth the Party's policy on providing 6 to 7 tractors and one truck for every hundred *chongbo* of fields in the next few years to free them from toilsome work.

Immensely inspired by the fatherly love of the Leader who mapped out the bright future of our socialist countryside, the agrarian working people in Mundok county are firmly resolved to demonstrate the mettle of the loyal socialist agrarian working people by bringing about a great innovation in agricultural production through a stepped-up comprehensive mechanization and chemicalization and introduction of advanced methods of farming.

Also high is the enthusiasm of the daily necessities producers.

Upholding the teaching of the Leader that a rapid development of light industry is of great significance in drastically improving the living standards of the people and in emancipating women from heavy burdens of household work, the workers in the Pyongyang Textile Mill are burning with enthusiasm in their new struggle to increase production.

Last year, like the other textile workers throughout the country, they introduced the method of high-speed spinning. This offered them the possibility of turning out a greater amount of yarn enough to weave over 100 million metres of cloth. In this respect, they have already scored great results. With a determination to fulfil their tasks ahead of schedule this year again, they are intensifying the Chollima Workteam Movement and mass technical innovation movement to increase the output and variety of fabrics and improve their quality. In this struggle they are making fresh successes. At the same time, the workers in the field of food-processing and daily necessities industries and especially those engaged in manufacturing kitchen utensils are filled with determination to effect a leap forward in production and step up the technical revolution to free our women finally from the heavy burdens of household chores, women who have been emancipated socially once and for all.

Kim Su Yon

In hearty response to the Leader's New Year Address workers of the Kangson Steel Plant bring about the revolutionary upsurge in the first-day campaign in the New Year

Friendship Visits

☆ Comrade Chi Peng-fei, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, arrived in Pyongyang on the morning of December 22 by special plane for a friendship visit to our country on the invitation of Foreign Minister Ho Dam. He was accompanied by suite members.

☆ The Soviet "Druzba" Song and Dance Ensemble arrived here on the 18th by air for performance tour.

The 35-member ensemble headed by A.P. Novikov, instructor of art of the Novosibirsk People's Chorus, Chairman of the Novosibirsk Branch of the Central Committee of the Soviet Composers' Union and People's Artiste of the RSFSR, left here on the 29th after winding up its tour.

☆ The delegation of the Soviet Moviemen's Union headed by Akim Asimov, Secretary of the Soviet Moviemen's Union and First Secretary of the Kazakhstan Moviemen's Union, left here on the 19th by plane after visiting our country.

☆ The Chinese friendship tourists group headed by Wang Lu-ming, Vice-Chairman of the Hopei Provincial Revolutionary Committee of China, left here for home on the morning of the 22nd by plane.

☆ The combined youth boxing team of the Soviet Union left for home on the 28th by plane. It had visited our country at the invitation of the Korean Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee.

New Year Dawns in Pyongyang

The New Year day has dawned, dispelling a thick fog over the East Sea and dyeing the peaks of Mt. Paekdu-san with glorious morning glow.

In this morning our people, with a sense of immense pride and happiness of having acclaimed the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, adjust themselves and humbly wish a long, long life and good health to the fatherly Leader who has dedicated all his life to the cause of liberty of the country and the happiness of the people.

Last year the working class and the rest of the working people in our country sped up the grand Chollima march encouraged by the bright perspective of the Six-Year Plan mapped out by the Leader. As a result, many branches of the national economy surpassed the production level envisaged for the end of the Six-Year Plan and a large number of factories and enterprises overfulfilled the three years' target of the Six-Year Plan. Splendid results were also achieved in the fulfilment of the three major tasks of technical revolution. A big stride was made in the struggle for national reunification, too.

From early morning, streets of the capital are lively in a festive atmosphere.

The Republic's flags with a sparkling five-pointed star are fluttering over apartments and other buildings and electric poles along the streets.

The front gates of theatres, cinemas, shops, restaurants, factories and other enterprises are decorated with colourful lanterns and boards inscribed with "A Happy New Year!" and "Prosperous Year of 1973!"

Through the bracing morning air, buses and trolleys adorned with flowers and colourful tapes are coming and going along the main streets gorgeous with festive ornamentations.

Department stores and other shops with large stocks of various goods are offering special service for the New Year customers.

Theatres and cinemas have also arranged variety of New Year programmes for the working people.

Now at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre, "A Flower Girl" is on, a revolutionary opera version of the homonymous immortal, classical dramatic masterpiece authored and staged at Wuchiatsu in the 1930's under the personal guidance of the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung.

At 9 a.m. sharp, Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, delivered his New Year address.

In his speech the Leader instructed as follows:

"The year of 1973 lies halfway in the carrying out of the Six-Year Plan. This year all the Party members and working people should effect another great revolutionary upsurge in all domains of the national economy in accordance with the programmatic tasks set forth at the First Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly, and thus achieve a decisive victory in the struggle to fulfil the Six-Year Plan."

Boundlessly inspired by the programmatic teaching of the Leader, the workers, technicians and office employees of the Mangyongdae Machine Tool Plant in Pyongyang have pledged themselves to fulfil the tasks of the fourth year of the Six-Year Plan by April 15 this year with such a high spirit and stamina with which they finished the tasks for the first two years of the Six-Year Plan by April 15 last year, the 60th birthday of the Leader, and the assignments for the third year of the Six-Year Plan by October 10 last year, the inauguration anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, cherishing the honour of being given the on-the-spot guidance by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on more than 60 occasions.

A workshop manager of this plant said: "The Leader instructed that the technical revolution precisely meant a revolution in engineering. I realize deep in my mind what a heavy responsibility falls on our plant in carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution, the strategic line of our Party. This also means that we have been entrusted with a most honourable and worthwhile job. The Leader's New Year address this morning has inspired our comrades with still stronger fighting spirit. We will certainly live up to his deep trust and great expectation by fulfilling this year's assignment again far ahead of the set time."

Pak Song Il, who returned from Japan about ten years ago and is now a workteam leader of the Pyongyang Grinder Factory, got together with all his family including seven sons and daughters plus his daughters-in-law and was talking about what they were going to do this year.

All his sons and daughters who have been educated in colleges and universities after their return to the homeland and are now working as professors, engineers, doctors or artists, his daughters-in-law and the old man Pak Song Il himself unanimously said recollecting their bitter life in the foreign country:

"When we were in Japan we had to spend the New Year in tears and life itself was a nuisance because we suffered from debts and poverty.

"But now all these things belong to the past, and since our return to the homeland we are leading a happy life in the bosom of the Leader.

"We are now free from all worries. If we have anything to worry about, it is our anxiety over the life of our relatives in south Korea. Even on the eve of the New Year, the south Korean rulers arrested and imprisoned large numbers of innocent people by orders of 'special alert' and the like which they issued one after another. Such being the case, how can they enjoy the New Year in peace? The country must be reunified independently and peacefully and as early as possible so that all our nation can have a happy New Year in the bosom of the fatherly Leader. In order to bring the day earlier, we'll strive harder."

With the approach of the night, the evening streets of the capital are shining even more brightly and beautifully with sparkling illuminations on tops of high buildings.

Working people in Pyongyang greet the significant New Year's Day with the joy and pride of having elected the fatherly Leader as President of the DPRK

Guinean Party and Government Delegation Leaves for Home

The Party and government delegation of the Republic of Guinea, which came here at the invitation of the CC of the Worker's' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, left Pyongyang by special plane on the morning of December 22 last.

Put up at the centre of the airport compound were a portrait of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and a portrait of Ahmed Sekou Toure, President of the Republic of Guinea.

The Guinean guests were seen off by Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the WPK CC and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the WPK CC; Comrade Kim Man Gum, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the WPK CC and Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Kang Ryang Uk, Vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and Chairman of the CC of the Korean Democratic Party; and responsible functionaries of the Party and government bodies and the working people's organizations. Large crowds, with pennants and bouquets in hands, came out there to see off the guests.

Among the senders-off were the diplomatic representatives and foreign correspondents and other Guinean guests in our country.

Farewell ceremony was held at the airport.

The delegation members waved the bunches of bouquets bidding farewell to the cheering crowds impressed with the warm friendship of the Korean people towards the Guinean people.

During their sojourn in our country they took part in a series of functions.

Mass Meeting

The Party and government delegation of the Republic of Guinea was welcomed at a grand mass meeting held in its honour at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre on the afternoon of December 19.

Placed in fragrant flowers on the platform of the meeting place were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our Party and people, and a portrait of Ahmed Sekou Toure, President of the Republic of Guinea.

Present there were Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the WPK CC and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, responsible functionaries of the Party and government organs, men of the Korean People's Army and working people in the city.

Invited to the welcome meeting were the members of the Guinean Party and government delegation headed by Dr Lansana Beavogui, Member of the Poitical Bureau of the CC of the Guinean Democratic Party and Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Guinea.

Kang Hui Won, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, made a speech at the meeting.

Prime Minister Dr. Lansana Beavogui also made a speech amid warm applause of its attendants.

It was closed with playing of the Patriotic Song of our country and the national anthem of the Republic of Guinea.

Talks Held and Agreement Signed

The talks were held between our Party and government delegation and the Guinean Party and government delegation.

At the talks questions concerning the relations between the two countries and those of common concern were discussed and a complete identity of views was reached on all of them.

On December 21 an agreement on economic and technical cooperation between the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Government of the Republic of Guinea was signed in Pyongyang.

It was signed, authorized by the DPRK Government, by Kong Jin Tae, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Economic Relations, and, authorized by the RG Government, by Manadi Keita, Minister in Charge of Education and Culture.

Inspections

The Guinean delegation visited the Korean Revolution Museum, an immortal, monumental edifice of our age and a seat of revolutionary education, on the morning of the 19th.

After inspection the head of the delegation said:

"Today the great exploits and lofty virtues of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are widely known to the world.

His great revolutionary history has made Korea a great country and, in the future, too, will make it shine still brighter as a great country."

On the 20th the delegation went to Hamhung city and inspected the factories and co-operative farms in South Hamgyong Province.

On its arrival in Hamhung, the delegation was welcomed by large numbers of the working people, youth and students in the city, each carrying a flag and bouquet.

A banquet was given by the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee for the delegation the same day.

Chairman Kim Se Bong of the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee spoke at the banquet, followed by a speech of Dr. Lansana Beavogui, head of the Guinean delegation.

The banquet proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

Art Performances

A revolutionary opera "Ye, Forests, Tell!" was staged at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre in honour of the Guinean Party and government delegation on the evening of the 19th.

When the performance was over, the delegation presented a basket of flowers to the performers in congratulation of their successful performance.

On the afternoon of the 21st the delegation was entertained to the performance of a revolutionary opera "A Flower Girl" based on the homonymous immortal classical drama at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre.

The opera won the great admiration of the guests for its rich ideological contents, artistic value, popular spirit and style.

After the performance the delegation presented a basket of flowers to performers to congratulate them on their successful performance.

Hail 14th Anniv. of Victory of Cuban Revolution

January 1 marks the 14th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution.

The Cuban revolutionaries and people under the personal leadership of Comrade Fidel Castro overthrew the Batista dictatorial regime, the faithful stooge of U.S imperialism, and won the historic victory of the Cuban revolution on January 1, 1959.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"Indeed, the triumph of the Cuban revolution marked the beginning of the disintegration of the system of U.S. imperialist colonial rule in Latin America; it sternly judged and sentenced to destruction that imperialism which had exploited and oppressed the peoples in this area for so long." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Vol. V, Eng. ed., p. 238.)

The triumph of the Cuban revolution was the first victory of the socialist revolution in Latin America and it was the historic event which brought about a radical turn in the life of the Cuban people, dealt a heavy blow at U.S. imperialism and greatly inspired the revolutionary struggle of the Latin-American people.

Following the victory in the revolution, the Cuban people under the correct leadership of the Cuban Communist Party and the Revolutionary Government led by the supreme Leader of the Cuban revolution Comrade Fidel Castro have honourably defended their fatherland and the gains of revolution frustrating ceaseless aggressive and provocative manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and its henchmen at every step and achieved great successes in socialist construction overcoming manifold difficulties and hardships.

Boundlessly inspired by the triumphant advance of the Cuban revolution, the Latin-American peoples are intensifying their anti-U.S., anti-dictatorial struggle and are promoting the relations of friendship with Cuba resolutely foiling the anti-Cuban machinations of U.S. imperialism.

Flurried by this, the U.S. imperialists are now engaged in all sorts of aggressive, subversive and sabotaging activities in an attempt to stamp out the Cuban revolution at any cost.

With no machination can the U.S. imperialists, however, stave off the advance of the heroic Cuban people who are determined to fight out to the better end holding high the banner of revoution.

For its justness the revolutionary cause of the Cuban people enjoys positive support and encouragement from the revolutionary people the world over.

The Korean and Cuban peoples are the closest friends and comrades-in-arms who are fighting against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy, in Asia and Latin America.

In the future, too, the Korean people who treasure the friendship and solidarity with the Cuban people will march forward shoulder to shoulder with them in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

The Korean people sincerely wish the Cuban people greater successes in their struggle to smash the aggressive and provocative schemes of U.S. imperialism and accelerate socialist construction.

Cameroon People Strive for New Life

Cameroon is greeting the 13th anniversary of its independence with vigorous, worthwhile struggle for a new life.

The Cameroon people led by President El Hadj Ahmadou Ahidjo have gained many successes in building their national economy and culture.

Active measures have been taken for the development of agriculture, the key branch of the national economy. As a result agricultural production is increasing every year.

In the agrarian year of 1971-1972, 102,000 tons of cocoa, one of major crops in that country, was produced. This is the record in its history. The output of robusta coffee registered 61,000 tons, an increase of 11,000 tons over the previous year.

Great efforts were also made for the development of the national industry, and textile mills, cement factories, thermal power stations and many other factories and enterprises have been set up in different parts of the country. This has brought about a steady increase in industrial output.

Progress has also been made in education. During the third five-year plan period the Cameroon government is to disburse 21,600 million West African franc for education. In Cameroon, there are some 1,000 primary schools, 130 middle schools and 30 technical schools, now educating more than 900,000 students.

Our people are rejoiced over the successes of the diligent Cameroon people in building a new society as over their own.

The government and people of Cameroon actively support the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples in their struggle against imperialism and colonialism.

The Cameroon people highly value the achievements of the Korean people in the socialist construction under the wise leadership of the great Leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung and support them in their struggle for driving the U.S. imperialists out of south Korea and realizing the independent national reunification. This is a great inspiration to the Korean people fighting for the just cause.

The respected and beloved Leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung said in his greetings to El Hadj Ahmadou Ahidjo, President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon:

"The Korean people, hold dear the friendship with the Cameroon people and express firm solidarity with your people in the righteous struggle for eliminating the harmful aftereffects of the colonial rule of imperialism, for consolidating national independence and for developing the country in an independent way."

The Korean people are greatly delighted to have the valiant Cameroon people as their friends in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism.

Particularly, the establishment of the diplomatic relations between our two countries last year further strengthened solidarity between the two peoples.

Our people will continue to fully support and encourage the Cameroon people fighting for the consolidation of their national independence and for the independent development of their country.

The Sudan Advances along the Road of Independent Development

Seventeen years have elapsed since the Sudanese people won national independence and proclaimed the Republic through a long, arduous struggle against the colonial rule of the British imperialists.

Since then, particularly since the May 1969 revolution that opened up a new epoch in the history of development of the country, the Sudanese people under the leadership of President Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri have attained many successes in the struggle to build a new society. In order to realize the "Sudanization" of the economy, the Sudanese government and people have nationalized factories, corporations and land owned by foreign imperialists and domestic capitalists and are developing the national economy in their interests.

By giving a regional autonomy to the Southern Sudan, they have achieved national unity, and are successfully solving the question of Southern Sudan.

On the international arena the Sudanese government and people actively support the struggle of Asian, African and Latin-American peoples for peace, democracy, national independence and the building of a new society against imperialism and colonialism. In particular, they are valiantly fighting to realize the just cause of the Arab peoples for liberating the occupied Arab territory.

The U.S. imperialists and their stooges, who regard the anti-imperialist, independent development of the Sudanese people as a thorn in their flesh, have been making every vicious attempt to block their advance. But the vigilant Sudanese people have frustrated at every step the anti-Sudanese manoeuvres of the enemies.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people heartily rejoice over all successes of the friendly Sudanese people and express firm solidarity with their just cause for building a prosperous, independent, sovereign state against imperialism and colonialism."

The Korean people warmly congratulate the successes of the Sudanese people marching along the road of independent development, and are greatly delighted to have such intimate friends as the Sudanese people.

The Sudanese people highly appreciate all the successes the Korean people have scored in the socialist construction under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our people. And they give active support to the just struggle of the Korean people for the independent peaceful reunification of the country.

Korea and the Sudan are far away from each other geographically, but the relations of friendship and cooperation formed between the two countries are developing with each passing day for their fighting on the same front of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S struggle.

The Korean people wish the Sudanese people great successes in their struggle to consolidate the revolutionary gains and build a new country, rich and powerful, under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Warm Congratulations to Burmese People on 25th Independence Anniversary

January 4 is the day when the Burmese people won the country's independence 25 years ago, putting an end to the colonial rule of the British imperialists.

On this occasion the Korean people extend warm felicitations to the Burmese people.

The independence of Burma was an epochal event which opened up vast vistas for the Burmese people to build a new life.

Following the country's independence, the Burmese people under the leadership of the Burma Socialist Program Party have achieved much success in their endeavour to eliminate the baneful aftermath of colonial rule and build a new prosperous country under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

They nationalized major industrial establishments owned by the foreign monopoly capitalists and readjusted and reinforced them. On the other hand they set up many factories and enterprises including steel plants, sugar manufactories and textile mills.

They reclaimed waste land, expanded the area under irrigation and introduced advanced farming methods. As a result the agricultural output is on the increase from year to year.

Great success has also been scored in the spheres of education culture and public health. Cadres of their own have been trained in large numbers.

Today the Burmese people sternly condemn the imperialists for the aggressive and predatory acts and are vigorously fighting for peace in Asia and the world.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The militant solidarity of the revolutionary peoples in Asia has been formed historically and it has been cemented and developed through hard-fought struggles against the imperialist aggressors."

Today the revolutionary peoples in Asia are firmly united with each other in the joint struggle against U.S. imperialism.

The Korean people firmly believe that the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Burmese peoples formed in the struggle for independent development will further strengthen and develop in the future, too.

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